INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A large Contingent of British Industrialists visited India in November to participate in the Indo-British Bombay Week organised under the Indo-British Partnership Initiative. During their stay, they had interactions with the representatives of Indian Industry with the aim to promote Trade and Industry between the two countries. It is reported that during the course of their discussions with their counterparts business transactions/negotiations/agreements of approximately 1 (one) billion pounds have been tied up.

BICP study on tyre pricing

74. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to conduct a study by Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) into pricing, costing and tariff structure of tyres; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ordinance appointing the two election commissioners

75. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has partially struck down the ordinance by which two election commissioners were appointed and has upheld the primacy and sole authority of the Chief Election Commission; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to withdraw the ordinance and remove the two election commissioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. The Supreme Court has not yet adjudicated upon the legality or otherwise of the provisions of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Conditions of Service) Amendment Ordinance, 1993. It has however, made an ex-parte interim order on 15-11-1993 on certain writ petitions filed before it challenging the validity of the aforesaid Ordinance as also the appointment of two Election Commissioners. A copy of said Order of the Supreme Court is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) No. Sir.

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(For Prel. Hearing)

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T. N. Seshan,

Chief Election Commissioner
S. Ramaswamy

Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.
(With appln. for ex parte stay)

Respondent (s)

Date 15-11-93 This/these petitions(s) was/were called on for hearing today

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Yogeshwar Dayal

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UPON hearing Counsel the Court made the following